

MINUTES
STATE DESIGN PARTNERING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 9, 2023
ACEC KS OFFICE, TOPEKA

Present were Chad Bristow, Brad Austin, Jarrod Mann, Randy Riveland, Barbara Schilling, David Eichman, Bruce McMillan, Riley Goering, Bill Naeger, Doug Jorgenson, and Scott Heidner.

It was moved and seconded to approve the January 19, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Riveland and Schilling gave an OFPM update. The SBAC met earlier in the day and short listed three projects. They reposted their updated design and construction manual. They have modified on-call limits after the change in statute. Frank Burnam has been elevated to Deputy Secretary. The cap for fee negotiations, which was \$60 million, has been moved to \$100 million. The percentages have been left the same.

Jorgenson gave an OSFM update. The search for the new Fire Marshal is ongoing. Jorgenson will stay on for a few more months to help the new person transition into the role. They are trying to move to the 2018 codes, and progress is slow but ongoing. They are still working to fill the Elevator Safety Advisory Board, but they continue to work on rules and regs in the meantime. KDHE is no longer responsible for CMS facilities, that now falls to a new plan review and inspection group which has been constructed underneath the KDHE umbrella. They have a full Assistant Attorney General working with the OSFM office now.

Bristow gave a KS Board of Regents update. Matt Casey has left to go to work for KSU. They are in the second year of a long-term investment from the state, with money going towards both construction and

demolition. Planning is already beginning on possible funding asks for 2024. KBOR has moved to an annual reporting cycle for budget data.

Goering gave an AIA update. They are focused on getting the October Annual Conference completed and executed.

Heidner gave an ACEC KS update. The Emerging Leaders Program gets underway tomorrow. The Rural Development Seminar will take place tomorrow as well. Planning is well underway for the ACEC/KDOT Partnering Conference. ACEC KS was featured in the latest ACEC National news magazine.

Goering and Heidner led a discussion of legislation. There are multiple interim committee hearings of interest over the next few months. ACEC KS will be carefully tracking the entrepreneurial business bill in 2024.

Heidner led a discussion on QBS issues. They continue to respond as requested. Comstock will attend the Kansas Association of Counties Annual Conference to promote QBS later this year.

It was agreed the next meeting will be scheduled after a Doodle poll of the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.